Vayudoot Service between Calcutta and Ranchi

913. SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any plan to connect Calcutta and Ranchi through Vayudoot Service via Panagarh, Asansol and Dhanbad;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) to (c) Ranchi and Dhanbad are already connected with Calcutta on different routes. Paucity of aircraft capacity and other resources does not permit, at present, operation of Vayudoot services through Panagarh and Asansol.

914. [*Transferred to the 5th August, 1988*].

Airbus services from Cochin Airport

915. SHRI M. A. BABY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to operate Airbus services from Cochin Airport;

(b) if so, by when and what are the details thereof; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Cochin airport is not suitable for operation of Airbus A-300 aircraft.

Increase in the number of passengers of IA and AI

916. SHRI NARAYAN KAR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state the names of the routes of Indian Airlines and Air India where the number of passengers recorded an increase during the last two years and the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Utilization of Unutilized Routes by Air India

917. DR. R. K. PODDAR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are some routes which have not been utilised by Air India so far;

(b) if so, what are the names of those routes;

(c) whether Government propose to utilise some of the routes; and

(d) if so, by when and what are the details of the proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Air India is not utilising the following routes at present:—

India to Bulgaria, Canada, Czechoslovakia, Egypt, Ethiopia, Fiji, Ghana, Hungary, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, Nigeria, Norway, Philippines, Poland Sweden, Syria, Seychelles, Spain, Tanzania, Turkey, North Yemen, South Yemen, Yugoslavia, Zimbabwe.

(c) and (d) Air India utilises a particular route based on its commercial judgement.

Permission to British Airways for Operation from Calcutta

918. DR. R. K. PODDAR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that British Airways is continuing negotiations with

the Civil Aviation authorities for the operation from Calcutta; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and the result achieved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) and (b) In terms of the India-U. K. Air Services Agreement, British Airways already has rights to operate services to/through Calcutta. Therefore, there is no question of negotiations on this issue.

Complaints of poor quality of food and eatables in railway refreshment rooms

919. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of complaints received from passengers regarding the poor quality of food and eatables served in the railway refreshment rooms, in the trains and regarding unsatisfactory service during the last 3 years, zone-wise;

(b) what are the details of action taken by the concerned railway authorities on these complaints; and

(c) what are the details of remedial measures taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

(b) The complaints are investigated and based on the results of investigations, action is taken against the contractor/staff responsible. Action taken includes warnings, fines, termination of contract & disciplinary action against staff.

(c) Various measures have been taken to improve the quality of the catering service which include intensive inspections, introduction of cassorole service, modernisation of base kitchens, use of standard raw materials, training to staff and deterrent action against the contractors/staff responsible for poor quality of food.

Calling of Police in Central Universities

920. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of occasions on which police have been called by the Vice-Chancellors of Central Universities during the last three years alongwith the reasons therefor;

(b) what is the number of days on which students were on strike in the Central Universities during the said period, University-wise; and

(c) what is the number of students expelled from the Central Universities during the same period alongwith the grants of expenditure, University-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) to (c) The requisite information is being collected from the concerned Universities and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Nehru Yuvak Kendras in U.P.

921. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present number of Nehru Yuvak Kendras in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) whether there is any proposal to set up more such Kendras in that state; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof and the amount involved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DE-